



Agenda Item Number: _____

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: April 25, 2006

Department: Zoning, Building and Planning Staff Contact: Mari Simbaña, Program Planner

TITLE: Amending the East Mountain Area Plan (SPR-50006).

ACTION: Motion to adopt Administrative Resolution 2006-_____

SUMMARY:

At the April 5, 2006 public hearing, the County Planning Commission voted (7-0) to recommend approval of the East Mountain Area Plan. This plan serves as an update to the 1992 East Mountain Area Plan. Section I contains a summary of the plan and process. Section II is an introduction to the purpose of planning and presents the updated and revised Goals for the East Mountain area. Section IV contains the land use policies. The decision was based on four Findings (Attachment 1).

This plan is a revision of the East Mountain Area Plan originally adopted by the Bernalillo County Commission on May 6, 1975 and amended June 19, 1979. It was updated again in 1992. The purpose of the original plan was to establish guidelines by which to carry out the land use goals for the East Mountain Area. As in the original plan, the updated plan presents the existing physical and environmental conditions; historical and projected population trends; and industrial, commercial, and residential development trends. The historical and existing conditions for the area provide a framework for the plan's evaluation of existing County policies and regulations relative to the community's goals and vision.

Bernalillo County staff began working formally with the East Mountain Area Community in June 2003 to update the East Mountain Area Plan. There was a volunteer *Citizen Committee* made up of a number of *subcommittees* to solicit and organize input. Initially, residents joined subcommittees to divide the tasks of reviewing the East Mountain Area Plan (1992) and generating input. Each subcommittee was chaired by a volunteer who facilitated meetings and organized the input into a document to be submitted to the Bernalillo County Planning Department. Twelve public planning meetings were held between June 2003 and June 2004. During this time, there were countless subcommittee meetings held as well as an ongoing email dialogue. By August 2004, input in document form was submitted by subcommittee chairs. A complete Plan draft was put together and presented to the community on April 4, 2005. In May 2005, staff submitted a draft of the East Mountain Area Plan (EMAP) for review by the County Planning Commission (CPC). At the August 31, 2005 CPC hearing, the Planning Commissioners voted to continue the hearing for the East Mountain Area Plan in April to allow time for an additional public meeting, further editing of the document, and incorporation of changes presented at that hearing.

The Plan was then presented at CPC again at the January 11, 2006 hearing which resulted in a continuance of the case to April 5, 2006 to allow for additional changes to be incorporated into the document. Once the changes were made, the CPC recommended approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. County Planning Commission Notice of Decision Letter (April 10, 2006)
2. County Planning Commission Information Packet
3. Letter of support from Neighborhood Coalition
4. East Mountain Area Plan 2006 (Commissioners Only)

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

ZONING, BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Staff Recommends Approval.